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Elba Police Officers make two distribution of controlled substance arrests Friday, Jan. 26

Elba Police arrest two people Friday, Jan. 26, for unlawful distribution of a controlled substance.

According to reports, Hannah Renee McKenzie, age 33, of Elba was arrested last Friday and booked into the Coffee County Jail on a distribution of controlled substance charge. Her bond was set at \$30,000.



McKenzie



Black

Jail reports further show that McKenzie was released on bond Saturday night, Jan. 27, shortly after 8 p.m.

Just after 2:30 last Friday afternoon, Joshua Caston Black, age 54, was booked into the county jail following his arrest in Elba for distribution of a controlled substance. His bond also was set at \$30,000.

Jail records show Black was released a short time later Friday afternoon (3:47 p.m.) after posting bond.

Kyles arrested two days in a row by Elba Police

Elba Police arrested the same man two days in a row last week for different drug charges, according to Coffee County Jail reports.



Kyles

On Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 7:47 p.m., Dekarion Kyles, age 26, of Elba was arrested and charged again arrested Kyles. This

time he was charged with possession of marijuana - second degree [\$1,000 bond], misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,000 bond], and bond revocation.

The following day, Wednesday, Jan. 24, Elba Police

Kyles remained in the Coffee County Jail at press time this week.

Coffee County Sheriff's Office search warrant leads to five arrests on multiple drug charges

On Thursday, Jan. 25, the Coffee County Sheriff's Office along with law enforcement personnel from the Enterprise Police Department, Alabama Law Enforcement Agency Region 8 Drug Task Force, and the Houston County Sheriff's Office S.W.A.T. team executed a search warrant in the 500 Block of East Lee Street in Enterprise, Ala.



Walker



Carey



Blackmon



Jones



Johnson

"The search warrant was the culmination of an extensive investigation that revolved around the distribution of illegal narcotics in the Enterprise area," Sheriff Scott Byrd said. "The search warrant yielded multiple types of illegal narcotics to include fentanyl and marijuana."

As a result of the investigation, five suspects were arrested, the sheriff said.

Shantez Omar Walker, age 43, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance [fentanyl], which carried a \$10,000 bond; possession of marijuana - second degree, which carried a \$3,000 bond; and misdemeanor unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, which carried a \$1,500 bond.

Walker was released from the county jail after posting bond Friday, Jan. 26, at 3:04 p.m.

Yamiah Myleah Carey, age 22 - was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance [fentanyl], which carried a \$10,000 bond; possession of marijuana - second degree, which carried a \$3,000 bond; and misdemeanor unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, which carried a \$1,500 bond.

Carey was released from the county jail after posting bond Friday, Jan. 26, at 3:01 p.m.

Kemaris Andrique Orlando Blackmon, age 19, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance [fentanyl], which carried a \$10,000 bond; possession of marijuana - second degree, which carried a \$3,000 bond; and misdemeanor unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, which carried a \$1,500 bond.

Blackmon was released from the county jail after

posting bond Friday, Jan. 26, at 3:06 p.m.

Jashun Jaiqueze Jones, age 27, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance [fentanyl], which carried a \$10,000 bond; possession of marijuana - second degree, which carried a \$3,000 bond; and misdemeanor unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, which carried a \$1,500 bond.

Elba man arrested on possession charges

Deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office arrested an Elba man Sunday afternoon, Jan. 28, on drug charges.



Wallace

According to Coffee County Jail records, Roy Wallace, age 56, of Elba was booked into the county jail at 1:11 p.m. Sunday afternoon on possession of a controlled substance [\$5,000 bond], and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia [\$1,500 bond] charges.

Jail records further show that Wallace was released Sunday evening at 5 p.m. after posting bond.

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ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOMS WITH ACTIVITY... There was activity all around the building last Thursday morning, Jan. 25, at the Elba Public Library. From the adult coloring program to a homeschool program, the library was the place to be that day! Above, Jennifer Nelson, Enterprise community coordinator for MCEC [Military Child Education Coalition] held the "Kids in the Kitchen" program for homeschooled children. The program focused on how cooking with children can be fun for both parents and child as wonderful memories are made. During the workshop, the youngsters learned how to improve literacy skills, math, and science and develop healthy eating habits. The workshop also allowed participants to create a recipe and measure out ingredients for a healthy snack to take home to enjoy. Elba Public Library director Jennifer Amlong said this is just one of many programs the library offers to local citizens. She said, "there is something for everyone at the Elba Public Library. Come check it out!"

American Red Cross planning to install free fire alarms in Coffee County this Saturday, Feb. 3

On Saturday, Feb. 3, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., the American Red Cross will join with community partners to *Sound the Alarm*.

During this time, the Red Cross will be in Coffee County advancing its lifesaving Home Fire Campaign, which installs free smoke alarms in vulnerable communities across the nation. Officials also will share critical fire safety tips, including home fire escape plans with residents.

Since its launch in 2014, the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign has saved 1,500 lives, installed 2.5 million smoke alarms



and made 1 million households safer with community partners.

Citizens in Coffee County interested in having a free smoke alarm installed in their home this Saturday should call (334) 350-1018 before Feb. 3rd to make an appointment. There is a limit of two fire alarms per home.

Galen McWaters seeking re-election to District 3 seat on Coffee County's Board of Education

Galen L. McWaters of Elba announces he is seeking re-election to the District 3 seat on the Coffee County Board of Education.

McWaters was recently re-elected by his peers to serve a second term as President of the Coffee County Board of Education.

"Our Coffee County Schools have always been a major part of my life. I attended the Goodman School and graduated from New Brockton High School," McWaters said. "My son, Austin, graduated from New Brockton High School and my wife, Natasha, has been an educator in the Alabama Association of School Boards, with most of these hours earned on my personal time. My actions demonstrate my commitment to our Coffee County Schools and show that I take this position as your school board representative very seriously. With your vote and support, I will continue to work diligently to build on the progress we have made in the Coffee County School System."



Galen McWaters

McWaters said Coffee County's schools are a source of pride to the communities and to the entire county.

"When I first campaigned for this seat one of the chief complaints I heard was regarding the deteriorating physical condition of our facilities. Today the physical facilities at our schools are second to none in the state and our schools are truly showplaces for the communities of Kinston, New Brockton, and Jack (Zion Chapel)," he said. "Several of these projects, most notably the founding of New Brockton Middle School, were necessitated by the dramatic increase in our student enrollment basically overnight as we enrolled over two hundred additional students at New Brockton High and New Brockton Elementary combined in August of 2018. Thanks to the leadership of our superintendents with support by our board, our faculty and students excelled academically while working through the challenges presented to them due to this exceptional growth."

The work is not finished, however, McWaters said. There are several major

Area Happenings

The Coffee County Republican Committee will host a Town Hall meeting Thursday, Feb. 15, at 5:30 p.m. at the Elba Theatre in downtown Elba, with District 1 and District 2 Republican candidates for Coffee County Commissioner along with Republican candidates for Coffee County Circuit Clerk, and Republican candidates Coffee County School Board, District 3. Light refreshments will be served.

The Elba Elementary School PTO will host the Daddy/Daughter Sweetheart Dance on Friday, Feb. 16, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Elba Elementary School. Tickets can be purchased in the EES office [no tickets will be sold at the door the night of the dance].

The Elba Lions Club annual Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday, March 2, from 6-10 a.m. at the National Security Conference Center. Cost is a \$5 donation per plate.

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ELBA FLORIST UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP... The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony Saturday morning, Jan. 27, for the Elba Florist and Gifts retail store, located at 316 Simmons Street in downtown Elba. Recently, Terry and Darla Wise purchased the store and held re-opening celebration last Saturday. A "Meet and Greet" event was held throughout the day to allow the community to stop by and get-to-know the new owners. Many family members and friends joined the new owners for the ribbon cutting ceremony, as well as city and chamber officials and Elba queens. Darla Wise thanked everyone for taking time to come out for the celebration, and she said she looks forward to serving the local community with its floral needs. Looking at the photo, Darla and Terry Wise are shown standing to the right of Elba Mayor Tom Maddox (holding the scissors to cut the ribbon).

EDITORIAL

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, through Monday, Jan. 29, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, Jan. 23 – Domestic disturbance reported in area of Hwy 189 and Cty Rd 354 (2:49 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 672 Herman Driggers Dr (9:10 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1105 Guyton St (12:00 p.m.); Identity theft reported at 1699 County Rd 249 (12:16 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 990 Carver Dr (3:02 p.m.). Ten traffic stops resulted in one advice given, two arrests, two verbal warnings, three written warnings, and two citations.

Wednesday, Jan. 24 – Suspicious person reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (1:43 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 609 Pinecove Dr (4:34 p.m.); Disorderly person reported at 1232 Ann St (6:27 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, and three written warnings.

Thursday, Jan. 25 – Suspicious person reported at 1220 E Davis St (12:58 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1118 Caroline St (7:09 a.m.); Shoplifter reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (12:06 p.m.); Burglary reported at 1477 Country Club Way (12:13 p.m.); Trespassing/Unwanted Guest reported at 758 West

St (7:40 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 615 Jackson Ave (10:21 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in one citation, four verbal warnings, and three written warnings.

Friday, Jan. 26 – Noise complaint reported at 1242 Jones Circle (12:40 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Smith Ave (7:10 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 795 West St (8:11 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1462 Smith Ave (10:09 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 600 Buford St (10:33 a.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in four written warnings, one citation, and one report.

Saturday, Jan. 27 – Suspicious person reported on E Davis St (1:06 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 412 N Claxton Ave (9:53 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 609 Reese Ave (11:45 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one written warning, and one report.

Sunday, Jan. 28 – Noise complaint reported at 1316 Neil Grantham Dr (12:23 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Williams Ave (9:18 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Williams Ave (9:57 a.m.); Stolen vehicle reported on Hwy 84 (4:31 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 816 Putnam St (4:37 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, four written warnings, and one citation.

Monday, Jan. 29 – No report received.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
Generosity throughout Elba contributed to a successful shoebox gift collection season at drop-off locations for the Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child. Across the U.S., the project collected 10 million shoebox gifts in 2023. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2023, the ministry is now sending over 11.3 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide, including many who are suffering from war, poverty, disease and disaster. Through shoeboxes –

NOTICE:

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, beginning at 1:30 p.m., the voting machines to be used in the March 5th Primary Election will be tested.

The voting machine check will be conducted at the Farm Center Coliseum Building at the Coffee County Complex, E. McKinnon St., New Brockton. The test is open to the general public and anyone is invited to attend. This testing is pursuant to §17-7-25 Code of Alabama, (1975) as amended.

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packed with fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items—Elba area volunteers brought joy to children in need around the world. Each gift-filled shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love, and it is often the first gift these children have ever received. Through the continued generosity of donors since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 220 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

Across AL, shoebox packers often shop for deals on shoebox items throughout the year, and many serve at a deeper level by becoming a year-round volunteer. Information about ways area participants can get involved year-round can also be found at samaritanspurse.org/occ or by calling 770-777-9342.

Although local dropoff locations for shoebox gifts are closed until Nov. 18 – 25, 2024, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at samaritanspurse.org/buildonline.

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Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou knows everyone has been waiting for a report on the formal event she and Sister attended last weekend, but more importantly, which pair of shoes Sister decided to wear. Well...in a word...NEITHER!

Lou Lou was struck speechless during the week when Sister announced that she had 'found' a pair of formal shoes in her closet that she had 'forgotten about' and had decided to wear that pair instead.

"Now you can go get your money back on those other two pair," was Lou Lou's response.

"Nope," Sister said. "I am going to keep them! I will find other uses for them and still be able to wear them."

All Lou Lou could do was shake her head!

Sister did indeed wear the shoes she had found in her closet, and she seemed content with her decision, so, Lou Lou decided just to let that one go and live to fight another day.

As for the event, it was a fun evening. Of course, Lou Lou's feet were killing her by the end of the night because she does not generally wear formal shoes for hours at a time, but she survived. She did threaten a time or two to go out to her vehicle and switch the heels for her comfy Crocs, but Sister nixed that idea just as soon as Lou Lou mentioned it!

While dressing up is completely out of Lou Lou's element, she has to admit that it was fun getting all "spiffy" for a few hours and enjoying a night on the town with friends! And, more importantly, some funds were raised for an organization that is near and dear to Lou Lou's heart.

All in all, it made for a great night!

Sister had a blast, not only because she enjoys such things, but also because she got the chance to 'fix up' Lou Lou's hair and makeup! Lou Lou would have been content with her light coat of makeup, but Sister insisted it be applied a bit heavier than usual. Lou Lou obliged, but she felt Sister was taking things a bit too far she she insisted on three coats of mascara! Lou Lou finally gave in and applied said coats to the upper eyelashes, but she refused to do the same to the lower ones ~ they were just fine with one coat.

That got a very unexcited "okay" from Sister, but she did give in to Lou Lou's refusal.

In the end, the two cleaned up pretty well, and enjoyed themselves! This weekend, however, it will be back to jeans, a sweatshirt and tennis shoes for Lou Lou – that is how life should be worn!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!



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The Elba Public Library hosts a coloring program for adults on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. This group was found to be busy working on their projects last Thursday, Jan. 25, at the library. The coloring program was one of several underway at the library last week as activity was booming inside the building.

Enterprise man killed in ATV accident

A single-vehicle Thursday, Jan. 25, at approximately 11:52 p.m., claimed the life of an Enterprise man, according to information released by Alabama State Troopers. Jesse Duran Howell, age 40, was fatally injured when the 2021 Polaris RZR all-terrain vehicle (ATV) he was operating left the roadway and overturned. Neither Howell nor Deja Whitney Mathis, age 33, of Daleville, who was a pas-

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capital improvements coming to each campus in the county within the next year. "A safe, comfortable learning environment is essential to academic success," he said. "I have collaborated closely with our superintendent along with the other members of the board to provide learning environments for our students and staff that are safe and comfortable. Through our partnership with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office, we now have a Safety Resource Officer on each campus in the Coffee County School System. This partnership has proven mutually beneficial to the Sheriff's Office and the Board of Education. We are in the process of several additional school safety improvements on each of our campuses, with the installation of new reinforced entrances already underway." The Coffee County School System is showing steady improvement on its state report card, most recently earning a grade of "89" with a goal of improving to an "A" on the next report card cycle, McWaters added. "The strides we have made to improve our scores are a testament to the tireless efforts of our teachers, administrators, and support staff and I am committed to making sure they have the resources necessary to make this happen!" he said. McWaters further went on to say, "I am a staunch supporter of technical education and co-op opportunities for our students. There are currently 103 students participating in the cooperative education program. I have served previously on the Elba City Schools Co-Op Advisory Committee and the county school system's partnership with the Elba City Schools Career Tech Academy has proven to be successful with 187 students from county schools attending classes in Elba." McWaters has been employed with The National Security Group of Elba for 38 years. "The managerial experience I have gained in my professional career has proven to be beneficial in my service to the Coffee County School System," he said. "I also have experience with maintaining physical facilities through my work with National Security. Maintaining the physical facilities of our schools is an important function of the Board, so this knowledge has provided invaluable insight when making important decisions regarding the physical facilities at our schools." Galen and his wife, Natasha, have been active members of First Baptist Church in Elba for over 30 years. He currently serves as Deacon Chairman, a member of the Chancel Choir, and a Sunday School teacher. McWaters is also a past president and current director of The Elba Lions Club, a member of the Coffee County Republican Executive Committee, and the Coffee County Forestry Advisory Committee.

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senger, were using a seat belt at the time of the crash. As a result, both were ejected from the ATV. Howell was pronounced deceased at the scene and Mathis was transported to an area hospital for medical treatment. The crash occurred on Alabama 85, approximately half a mile north of Bellwood, in Geneva County. No further details have been released by the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) Highway Patrol Division.

ARRESTS

Jones was released from the county jail after posting bond Friday, Jan. 26, at 3:07 p.m. Jaber Terrell Johnson, age 26, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance [fentanyl], which carried a \$10,000 bond; possession of marijuana - second degree, which carried a \$3,000 bond; and misdemeanor unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, which carried a \$1,500 bond. He also was charged with a failure to appear misdemeanor charge carrying a \$250 cash

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TONY LYNN EUBANKS
Mr. Tony Lynn Eubanks, age 60, of Enterprise, Ala., died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024, at Wiregrass Nursing Home in Geneva, Ala. In accordance with his wishes, no formal services will be held. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is assisting the Eubanks family. Survivors include his son: Wayne (Ashley) Spainhoward, granddaughter: Adilyn Spainhoward, and brother: Junior (Rhonda) Eubanks, all of Elba, Ala.



MARLENE BOLTON UHRICH
Ms. Marlene Bolton Uhrich, (affectionally known as "Nunna"), age 74, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Fla. Memorial services were held Friday, Jan. 26, 2024, from Elba First Assembly of God Church with Rev. Dwight Johnson officiating. Services were



directed by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba. Mrs. Uhrich was preceded in death by her father, Malcomb Bolton; mother, Cleo Bolton; son, Jeffrey Wade Coates Jr.; grandson, Jeremy Roberts; and two great-grandsons. Survivors include her daughters: Lorraine (Joe) Peacock, Elba, and Patricia (Greg) Steele, Moulton, Ala.; granddaughters: Heather Baldwin, of Tenn., and Shana Brook Coates, Athens, Ala.; along with two sisters: Jennie Hill, Troy, Ala., and Elaine (Bobby) Lauderdale, Athens. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home beginning at 2 p.m. with Rev. Garry Winstead officiating. Burial services will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home

CHARLES EDWARD MALLORY
Mr. Charles Edward Mallory, age 61, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024, at his home in Elba, Ala. Funeral services will be held Thursday, Feb. 1, 2024, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home beginning at 2 p.m. with Rev. Garry Winstead officiating. Burial services will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home



directing. Visitation was at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, Jan. 31, from 5-7 p.m. Mr. Mallory was preceded in death by his father - Wade C Mallory, mother - Doris Mallory, son - Justin Mallory, and brother - Bill Mallory. Survivors include his wife: Martha D Mallory, Elba; daughters: Kayla Amanda "Mandi" (Paul) Lessley, Hope Hull, Ala., Morgan Grosland, Elba; sisters: Betty (Vince) Helms, Prattville, Ala., Ella (Bobby) Minchew, Pensacola, Fla., Norma (Craig) Bean, and Tamra (Donald) Hogue, both of Panama City Beach, Fla.; brothers: Ronnie (Gale) Mallory, Deatsville, Ala., Fred (Sandy) Mallory, Enterprise, Ala., Ben (Beverly) Mallory, Cordele, Ga.; sister-in-law: Sandra Mallory, Pinson, Ala.; granddaughters: Dixie Mallory, New Brockton, Ala., Madison Brunson, Elba, and Ramsi Lessley, Hope Hull; grandsons: Adam Brunson, Elba, and Roman Lessley, Hope Hull.

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FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that **Boutwell Flooring** has completed the contract for improvements throughout the Coffee County School System. Boutwell has completed the flooring improvement project for the State of Alabama and the Coffee County Board of Education. A formal request for final settlement of said contract has been received. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the Coffee County Board of Education. 1/25,2/1&8-chg

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF FRED GRISWOLD, JR., DECEASED
CAUSE NO: PR-2023-204

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO OPEN INTESTATE ESTATE

You will please take notice that on the 15th day of May, 2023, a certain instrument in writing, titled Petition to Open Intestate Estate and Appoint Administrator of Estate was filed by Mary Beth Henderson, Coffee County Conservator, acting in her capacity as Conservator of Loretta Griswold, the surviving spouse of Fred Griswold, Jr. and that the 16th day of February, 2024, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. was appointed the day for the hearing of the same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Enterprise Division, Alabama at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper.Done, this the 10th day of January, 2024.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson
Probate Judge
1/18,25&2/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

CASE NO: PC-2023-088

IN THE MATTER OF BRENDA MADDOX, Deceased.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of January, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 11th day of January, 2024.
/s/ VAN MADDOX
Personal Representative
1/18,25&2/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE ESTATE OF EVA MILLER, DECEASED.
CASE NO. PC-2023-039-B

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to AMANDA LYNN PATRICK on the 16th day of January, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims

REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of January, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
James Miller, Personal Representative Estate of Eva Miller c/o Hamp Baxley Ramsey, Baxley & McDougle P.O. Drawer 1486 Dothan, AL 36302 MHB@RBM.law 334-677-2850 1/18,25&2/1-pd.State of Alabama
County of CoffeePR-2024-004
Probate Court

Notice to the Creditors of Estate of Olene H. Howell, deceased.

Letters Testamentary upon the estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of January, 2024, by the Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same, duly sworn to, in the Probate Court of said county within the time allowed by law or else will be forever barred. Kenneth Ralph Howell, Personal RepresentativeThe Parish Law Firm
323 Adams Avenue (36104)
Post Office Box 52
Montgomery, AL 36101-0052
(334) 263-0003
(334) 263-0032 Fax
Attorney for Personal Representative
1/25,2/1&8-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

THE ESTATE OF SCOTTY DWIGHT PATRICK, DECEASED
CASE NO. 23-086

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to AMANDA LYNN PATRICK on the 16th day of January, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claimsagainst said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred.
Done this 16th day of January, 2024.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Honorable Judge of Probate Coffee County, Alabama
1/18,25&2/1-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: The Estate of Julian A. Evans, III, Deceased.
Case No: PR-2024-005**TAKE NOTICE** that Letters Testamentary having been granted to **Josie R. Evans** as Administrator of the Estate of **Julian A. Evans, III, Deceased**, on the 17th day of January, 2024, by the Honorable **Jodee R. Thompson**, Judge of Probate.**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred./s/ Josie R. Evans
Josie R. Evans
1/25,2/1&8-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of **Rodney Calvin Pennel**, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2024-006

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary having been granted to **Nick Shepard** as Personal Representative of the Estate of **Rodney Calvin Pennel** on the 17th day of January, 2024 by the Honorable **Jodee R. Thompson**, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. **DONE** this the 17th day of January, 2024.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge
1/25,2/1&8-pd.More
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LEGAL NOTICES:

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES P. SKINNER, DECEASED.
CASE NO.: PR-2023-219

NOTICE/ORDER

To: **PAULA AXTEL**
You are hereby given notice that **Margaret A. Skinner** filed her Petition in writing and under oath, praying for an order of this Court to Probate the Will of **James P. Skinner**, deceased, and to appoint **Margaret A. Skinner** as executrix of said Estate.**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the 21st day of February, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. is appointed a day for hearing on said Petition at the Coffee County Courthouse, Enterprise Division, Alabama. You may appear and contest the same if you choose.
DONE this 19th day of January, 2024.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. ThompsonProbate Judge
Coffee County, Alabama
1/25,2/1&8-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF CLARA CASEY, Deceased
CASE NO. PR-2024-010**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**
Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Marie Leger, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Clara Casey on the 19th day of January, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson

C.C. Republican Headquarters set to open Tuesday, Feb. 6th

The Coffee County Republican Headquarters will host its grand opening Monday, Feb. 12, 5:30 p.m., at 202 North Main Street, Enterprise, Ala.

The featured speaker will be Alabama Secretary of State Wes Allen. Also in attendance will be candidates for office, both local and statewide.

Everyone is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Coffee County Republican Headquarters will open its doors for business Tuesday, Feb. 6. For more information, call 334-406-1318.

RWCC meeting set for Wednesday, Feb. 21st

The Republican Women of Coffee County [RWCC] will meet Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 11 a.m., at the Enterprise Country Club, 3000 Ozark Highway.

The guest speakers will be incumbent Congressmen Barry Moore and Jerry Carl, candidates for Congressional District 1.

In 2023, a court-ordered redistricting redrew the lines for Alabama congressional districts. The new map redistricted Coffee County and some other Congressional District 2 counties into District 1. This resulted in the only incumbent vs incumbent Congressional US House election.

Also speaking are the Coffee County

District 3 School Board representative candidates Galen McWaters (incumbent) and Brandy Woodham.

Social time begins at 11; an optional \$13 buffet begins at 11:30; and the program begins at approximately 11:45. Everyone is invited, but reservations are required. Please contact Barb to RSVP at rwccreservations@gmail.com, and let her know if planning to eat.

Worship at the Church of Your Choice!

REMINDER:

Monday, Feb. 12, at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for registering to vote in the March 5, 2024 Primary Elections. Contact the Coffee County Board of Registrars at (334) 894-5347 for more information.



GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY...In appreciation of the good year the Elba Masonic Lodge had in 2023, club members are giving back to the community, and recently presented a \$300 check to the New Hope Senior Citizen Center to assist the center with its activities. The Elba Masonic Lodge thanks the senior center for its help with projects in 2023. Accepting the check for the center was Conzuella Banks, director of the New Hope Senior Citizens Center. Those pictured above are S/W Mike Amison, Worshipful Master Wendell Black, Banks, and Eddie Kelley.

LEGAL NOTICES:

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: AMBRIA C. FLEMING, SR., DECEASED.
CASE NO.: PR-2023-037

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 7th day of March, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Christopher Fleming
CHRISTOPHER FLEMING
Personal Representative
1/25,2/1&8-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of **LOUIS BEREZCZ**, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2024-011

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Louis Berezcz, deceased, having been granted to **Honka P. Terry**, Personal Representative, on the 19th day of January, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
DONE this the 19th day of January, 2024.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson,
Probate Judge
1/25,2/1&8-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHNNIE LAMAR GRICE, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR 2024-009

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Dora Ann Grice, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Johnnie Lamar Grice, deceased, on the 17th day of January, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
1/25,2/1&8-pd.

FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter

1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that **Covington Contracting, LLC** has completed the contract for improvements at Zion Chapel School. Covington Contracting has completed the glass replacement project for the State of Alabama and the Coffee County Board of Education. A formal request for final settlement of said contract has been received. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the Coffee County Board of Education.
1/25,2/1&8-chg.

FORM OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, notice is hereby given that **Covington Contracting, LLC** has completed the contract for improvements at New Brockton Elementary School. Covington Contracting has completed the awning replacement project for the State of Alabama and the Coffee County Board of Education. A formal request for final settlement of said contract has been received. All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify the Coffee County Board of Education.
1/25,2/1&8-chg.

THE CITY OF ELBA COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

LOADER BACKHOE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Sealed Bids for **LOADER BACKHOE** will be received, by **The City of Elba**, at the meeting room of City Hall of Elba; **200 Buford Street; Elba, Alabama 36323**, until **11:00 a.m. local time on Friday, February 2, 2024**, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Bids shall be on a lump sum basis.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS: Minimum specifications current year model or new latest year end production model 4-wheel drive Loader Backhoe with Multi-Purpose loader bucket; meeting the following specifications, in accordance with manufacturer's standard published specifications. The tractor loader shall be of a unitized integral frame design, the manufacturer's latest design currently produced model only. The unit shall have a diesel engine producing not less than 108 SAE net flywheel horsepower. Hydraulic System: 41 gallons per minute. Variable flow, axial piston pump. The transmission shall be a Full power shift with torque converter, for 4 forward and 3 reverse speeds minimum. A transmission disconnects, or neutralizer pedal shall

be furnished. The front-end loader shall have a full height lift capacity of no less than 6,087 lbs. and a breakout force of a minimum of 9,813 lbs. Backhoe to be equipped with a hydraulic quick coupler (tool carrier). The bucket shall be multi-Purpose type with at least 1.20 CU. yards. The loader shall incorporate automatic self-leveling, float and return to dig, extended bolt-on cutting edge and a set of 48" pallet forks to fit the coupler. The backhoe shall have an extendable dipper stick with a loading height of at least 12' 10" retracted and 14' 10" extended. A digging depth of at least 15' 6" retracted and 19' 6" extended. The arm digging force shall be 9,850 lbs. or greater with the arm retracted. The backhoe shall be equipped with reversible stabilizer pads, rubber on one side and dirt type on the other side. The buckets shall consist of one (1) 24" digging bucket with teeth and one 48" tilting ditching bucket with hydraulic quick coupler with hydraulic thumb. The Backhoe shall have an auxiliary hydraulic circuit to operate the hydraulic tilting bucket, with manual 3 way shut off valve to swap between tilt bucket and hydraulic thumb. The unit shall have a pilot operated backhoe joystick control system that will allow operator to choose between SAE and ISO Control pattern. The unit shall include the following miscellaneous equipment: ROPS cab with two doors, heater and a/c; front and rear work lights; LED hazard lights; LED turn signals; SMV emblem; LED rotating beacon light; tool box; engine/transmission oil monitoring; engine temperature; hydraulic oil temperature; tachometer; hour meter; fuel gauge; backup alarm; rear fenders; vandalism protection with locks for hydraulic tank, engine access doors, and fuel tank, skid plates, front bumper with grill (coolers protection). All service compartments must be lockable. 19.5L x 24 or 21L x 24 - 10 ply drive tires; 12.5/80 18, or 14 x 17.5 10 ply traction type front tires. Factory Warranty: 5 year/ 3,000 hours full machine warranty; warranty must accompany units when delivered. Vendor to furnish two (2) sets of parts books, service manuals, technical manuals, and operator's manuals with each unit. Must have parts and service within 100 miles of delivery point. Must have three (3) sets of keys. Delivery date may be a factor in making the award.

Owner: The City of Elba
By: Tom Maddox
Title: Mayor
Date: January 9, 2024
1/18,25&2/1-chg

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN A. DEAN, Deceased.

CASE NO. PR 2024-012

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Suzanne E. Dean and Andy

A. Dean, as Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of John A. Dean, deceased, on the 22nd day of January, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson,

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
2/1,8&15-pd.

IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSHUA HAYES EBERSOLE, Deceased.
CASE NO: PR-2024-003

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters of Administration on the estate of **JOSHUA HAYES EBERSOLE**, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 18th day of January 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Enterprise, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.
/s/ Shelby Laine Harding
SHELBY LAINE HARDING
Administrator of said Estate
2/1,8&15-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of DANNY H. MOCK, Deceased.
Case No.: PR-2024-018

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration for the Estate of **Danny H. Mock** having been granted to **Danncey M. Wood**, Personal Representative, on the 29th day of January, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
DONE this the 29th day of January, 2024.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson,
Probate Judge
2/1,8&15-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF BRUNIECE HUGHES BARLEY, Deceased.
CASE NO. PR-2024-015

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Letters Testamentary of said

deceased having been granted to Michaela Barley Smith, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Bruniece Hughes Barley on the 29th day of January, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson,
Probate Judge
Joshua Pipkin
Attorney for the Estate
P.O. Box 310272
Enterprise, AL 36331
(334) 348-1562
2/1,8&15-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ROBERT C. MAY, Deceased
CASE NO. PR-2024-014

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Susan Boyd May, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Robert C. May on the 29th day of January, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson,
Probate Judge
Joshua Pipkin
Attorney for the Estate
P.O. Box 310272
Enterprise, AL 36331
(334) 348-1562
2/1,8&15-pd.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for **Lawn Care** will be received by the **City of Elba**, at the meeting room of City Hall; **200 Buford Street; Elba, Alabama 36323**, until **10:00 A.M. local time on February 29, 2024**, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read. Bids shall be on a lump sum basis.

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities. The bid is for lawn care maintenance for the following listed properties belonging to the City of Elba: Lot #35 OF SMITH BRASWELL SUBD located at 1208 Highland Dr. Lots #22-27 of SMITH BRASWELL WEST SUBD located at 980 Drayton Ave.; 978 Drayton Ave.; 918 Drayton Ave. (on two lots); and two undeveloped lots.

Regular mowing and maintenance is required to be completed twice for the months of April through September, and once per month for the month of March and October through February. The areas to be maintained include all areas within the lots described above. Mow-

ing also includes needed weed-eating and edging as well as flower bed maintenance. Shrubs are to be pruned, beds weeded, and pine straw added once each year.

All trash, and debris, should be picked up and disposed of before and after each mowing.

The contractor will furnish all labor and equipment for the performance of this contract. All work is to be performed in a professional manner, using clean, and well-maintained equipment. Mowing must be done during daylight hours.

No mowing or weed eating should be done when people are present to protect them from flying rocks or debris. Any use of weed killer or other chemicals must be approved by the city street supervisor.

The contractor will be paid monthly at Elba City Hall for work completed and inspected. The name of the one responsible for inspection will be provided to the contractor.

The contractor will always have to maintain and provide proof of General Liability Insurance with a minimum of \$500,000 coverage, and a City of Elba Business License. The contractor is required to comply with all local, state, and federal employment rules and regulations.

The contractor shall be responsible for all property damage, accidents, injury, and any other liabilities incurred while performing the lawn care and maintenance. The City of Elba reserves the right to terminate this contract in the event it determines that the contractor has failed to satisfactorily perform the duties listed in the contract. A 30-day written notice of cancellation will be given to the contractor. Furthermore, the contractor is required to give in writing a 30-day notice if termination of services is desired or if said party becomes unable to fulfill this contract.

All interested parties should submit a sealed bid containing all appropriate contact information, commercial lawncare experience details, at least three references, and the annual bid amount they are submitting. This bid will be for a two-year contract. The contractor will be notified once selected after all bids are reviewed and due diligence by the city council has been completed. The selected contractor will then be required to submit all necessary documents and proof of insurance, as well as sign a copy of the lawn care maintenance to keep on file.

Due to the uncertainty of the mowing needs, we ask that bids be submitted on a "cost per cutting" basis. This will enable the council to budget if additional mowing frequency is required during the summer months. Currently eighteen cuttings have been budgeted for the year. Your interest in this bidding process is greatly appreciated.

Owner: The City of Elba
By: Tom Maddox
Title: Mayor
2/1,8,15&22-chg.

CHURCH & LIFESTYLES

Anna Clark of New Brockton named to Dean's List at Samford University

Anna Clark of New Brockton, Ala. was among the 2,122 students named to Samford University's Dean's List for the fall 2023 semester. To qualify for the Dean's list, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 while attempting at least 12 credit hours of coursework. The Dean's List is the highest academic recognition given by the school at the end of each semester.

Two graduate from University of Alabama

Some 2,000 degrees were awarded during The University of Alabama's fall 2023 commencement at Coleman Coliseum held in December. Among the graduates were two from Elba. Lauren Haley received a Bachelor of Science degree while Aja Reese received a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Two locals named to fall President's List at Wallace Community College

Two local students recently were named to the Fall semester 2023 President's List at Wallace Community College in Dothan, Ala. Locally, Aimee Senn of Elba and Alicia Tyler of New Brockton were named to the list. The President's List is compiled at the end of each semester. Students named to the list must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of college level coursework with a grade point average of 4.0.



Business of the Month:

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Lauren Haley graduated from the University of Alabama in December. She was the valedictorian of the Elba High School Class of 2020 before going to Alabama. (submitted photo)

Graduating with honors

Lauren Haley earns degree from University of Alabama

Lauren Haley of Elba participated in graduation ceremonies Saturday, Dec. 16, at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Haley graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor's degree in kinesiology. While at Alabama, she was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and served as Pre Occupational Therapy Society Secretary. Lauren, a 2020 graduate of Elba High School, has been accepted to the UAB Occupational Therapy School where she will study to obtain a doctorate in occupational therapy. She is the daughter of Cindi Haley of Elba and David Haley of Elba.

Local students named to University of Alabama Dean's/President's lists

A total of 13,950 students enrolled during Fall Semester 2023 at The University of Alabama were named to the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the President's List with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's). The UA Dean's and President's lists recognize

full-time undergraduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load. Local students include: Lauren Haley of Elba - named to the President's List; Aja Reese of Elba - named to the Dean's List; Reece Hall of Kinston - named to the President's List; Madison Askins of New Brockton - named to the Dean's List; Allisyn Freeman of New Brockton - named to the President's List.

Local students named to WCC Dean's List for Fall Semester

Wallace Community College of Dothan, Ala. recently named students to the Fall semester 2023 Dean's List, and it included several local students. The Dean's List is compiled at the end of each semester. Students named to the list must have completed a minimum of 12 semester hours of college level coursework with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Connor Burrow, Carrie Devers, Katie Jones, Teresa Newson, and Rachel Pair, all of Elba, and Taylor Williams of New Brockton were named to the Dean's List.

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Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee R. Thompson invites voters to visit the election website: www.coffeecountyvotes.com While there, one can: Register to vote; Check your registration status; View a sample ballot; Find your polling location; View the offices up for elections; View a current list of elected officials; Apply to become a poll worker; Apply for an absentee ballot, and much more!



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With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: O Lord, hear my plea for justice. Listen to my cry for help. Psalm 17:1

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Akira Hutchinson, Elder
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Watkins, Mary Starks,
Beatrice Belcher, Gene
Culver, Wendy Wood

January / February Birthdays
Tina Chapman 1/29
Marcus Henderson 1/30
Janice Cole 1/30
Greg Sowell 2/1
Lulu Cole 2/2
Min. Brian Brunson 2/7
Renethia Renaye Crueton 2/7
Jada K. Duncan 2/7
Sinia Smedley 2/8
Vincent Smith 2/8
Keyshawna Q. Gavin 2/9
Kyson Edwards 2/9

Self-Denial or Self-Indulgence
The Nazirite vow that God commanded for Samson's mother – and ultimately for Samson himself – involved abstaining from things that were part of an Israelite's normal life. Even today, we may choose to give up something such as eating chocolate or watching TV as temporary self-denial. Self-denial reminds the participant that the Son of God gave up much more to make salvation possible. The call to self-denial is a difficult one to hear in a self-indulgent culture. Missionaries report that self-denial is accepted more readily in parts of the world with lower standards of living. Perhaps the higher one's standard of living, the more one realizes how much self-denial really costs, but consider the one who had the highest standard of living imaginable – the one who have it all up for us: Jesus. Philippians 2:7,8 bears frequent reading: "But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form

of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." – C.R.B.

Question / Answer Section
Q/A for the Week of 2/1/24
Q: When Jonah was in the sea, what was wrapped around his head?
A: Weeds [Jonah 2:5]
Q: God sent Jonah to preach in the City of _____
A: Nineveh [Jonah 3:2]
Q: Part of Jonah's complaint was that God was "slow to _____"
A: Anger [Jonah 4:2]

Questions for the Week of 2/8/24
Fill in the Blanks
Q: The Lord (through Joel) told people to rend their _____ to show repentance.
Q: Even in the Valley of the Shadow of Death, the Psalmist said he would fear no _____
Q: Peter said that our faith is more precious than _____

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue
Deadline to apply for absentee ballots for March Primary Election is Feb. 29

Thursday, Feb. 29, at 4:30 p.m., is the deadline to apply in person for absentee ballots for the March 5th Primary Election. Applications for absentee voting are available at the absentee election manager's office in New Brockton. Absentee Election Manager is Debbie Kinsaul. Mailing address is P.O. Box 427, New Brockton, AL, 36351. The physical location is 5 County Complex, New Brockton, Alabama. Any qualified voter may submit an absentee ballot application by mail or in person to the Absentee Election Manager's office for the following reasons:

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- The voter is a student enrolled in school outside the county of residence.
- The voter is a member, a spouse or a dependent of a member of the United States Armed Forces or is similarly qualified to vote absentee according to the Federal Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.
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SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our number one grandson Lawson has had to study a little more than usual since arriving in the seventh grade, but last week had a really big English test and came over to the house twice to get some help from his Nanny to get ready. While I'm not sure just how he did on the test, his reply when asked was "awesome." Sounds good to me!

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Tigers stumbled twice last week and saw their area title hopes dim, but are still playing their best basketball of the season at just the right time and if the shots will fall in the tournament have a really good chance at moving on to second round action. The Tigers play full-speed every minute and are aggressive on defense, and while they do shoot a few more three pointers than I would like, everyone on the team has shown the ability to make the long range shot and is a threat. The final week of the regular season won't get any easier, but it has been a fun year and it ain't over yet.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers ran their winning streak to twelve games and reached the twenty-win plateau last week with three more wins. The Lady Tigers appear to be hitting their stride on both offense and defense with the tournament nearing, and have to be a heavy favorite to remain on course for a return trip to Montgomery and then on to Birmingham. Elba has lost four games this season, but the losses came to 4A T.R. Miller (18-4), 3A Monroe County (19-1), 3A Straughn (17-7) and 2A Luverne, which shows the Lady Tigers have dominated all 1A opponents. This bunch may make you throw up your hands at times, but at the end of the games your hands will almost always be back in the air celebrating a win.

*** The regular season ends this week for high school basketball and just as expected it has been quite a season to be a fan. On the boys' side, New Brockton won the area title and proved that basketball is back at the Charles Cole gym, while Brantley shared the top spot in its area and is on a late-season roll, Zion Chapel finished second in its area and plays as hard as any team in the state, and Kinston, which struggled all season to get wins, lost its final area game on the road by only two points. As for the girls, New Brockton was a surprise team early and never slowed down to win the area title, while Kinston was solid all season and finished in second place in its area, Brantley got better and better and will be a team no one really wants to play in post-season play, and Zion Chapel never quit battling in a disappointing year. Yep, it has been quite a year and the best is yet to come!

*** The Dothan Eagle announced its 'Super 12' teams recently in both football and basketball, and while I know there are probably around forty teams in its coverage area, as an Elba Tiger fan I have to believe Elba got short-changed in both sports. In football, Alvin Henderson was an obvious choice and definitely earned his 'Player of the Year' honor, but I also believe players such as Cayden Adkins, Jamal Siler, Alex Wisecup and Cameron Gray should have made the list, while in volleyball Brooke Tinsley, A'Lyric Whitfield and Kendra Juarez were all deserving. I know everyone can't make the list and certainly am not pointing a finger at anyone on the staff at The Eagle. I just believe Elba's student-athletes didn't get the recognition they deserved. Oh yea, I almost forgot. I think Elba's Coach Melissa Mularz should have been named the coach of the year in volleyball after making history by leading her team to the state tourney and Elba's Coach Marc Sieving was a no-brainer for coach of the year in football after leading the Tigers to a 13-1 record and a record of 24-2 the last two seasons. I am obviously very biased and don't get a vote, but I believe Elba High didn't get the honors it deserved in either sport.

*** In closing.... I like to watch podcasts whenever I get the chance and after watching many different people voice their opinions about Alabama football am now convinced that most of the so-called 'experts' are afraid of saying anything bad about the Crimson Tide. Back when Saban retired it was all doom and gloom with the loss of the 'GOAT' and later with all the players hitting the transfer portal, but the podcasts soon turned into lovefests with the Tide's new head coach and now are telling all Bama fans how great the team will be with the addition of a couple of players from Washington, and the skills of the new coaching staff. I have always been a Bama fan and want the Tide to win the national title every season, but I can also look at both sides of the coin and have to admit neither the coaching staff nor the addition of a couple of players from the conference formerly known as the Pac 12 excites me. I agree the cupboard is far from bare and Alabama still has enough top-notch players to win big, but there has to be a lack of quality depth with the loss of almost thirty players from last season's roster and will be satisfied and a little surprised if the Tide even makes the playoffs. Oh well, as always... 'Roll Tide.'

- Youth Hunting Spotlight -



HUNTING SPOTLIGHT...Dunn Wicker, age 7, got his first buck Sunday evening, Jan. 28, while hunting. The buck was a nice 7-point! Dunn is the son of Mark and Leigh Wicker of Elba, Ala.

Lady Tigers on a roll

12 straight wins and counting

The fourth ranked Elba Lady Tigers ran their winning streak to 12 games, improved their record to 21-4 and clinched the regular season area title last week with three big wins.

Following is a recap of last week's wins:

Elba 61 Brantley 24

The Elba Lady Tigers clinched the regular season area title with a dominating 61-24 road win over the Brantley Lady Bulldogs.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored eight points in the opening quarter to help Elba grab an early 13-10 lead, while Whitfield and Kendra Juarez combined for 11 points in the second quarter as the Lady Tigers went in at the half with a 30-16 advantage. Whitfield and Ana Caldwell combined for 10 points in the third quarter as Elba's lead ballooned to 47-21, and the Lady Tigers coasted in with the impressive 61-24 area win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 26 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Kendra Juarez 9, Ana Caldwell 7, Tajah Robinson 6, Ayrika Caldwell 5, Brooke Tinsley 2, Alayvia Stinson 2, Keelie Moseley 2, Sydney Siler 1 and Ny'Asia McCollough 1. Scoring for Brantley were Annah Little 9, Alex Grimes 8, Marley Kilcrease

3, Coco Stamps 2, Myia Mount 1 and Jahyia Oliver 1.

Elba 57 Wicksburg 25

The Elba Lady Tigers used an 18-2 third quarter run to take command and cruised to a lopsided 57-25 home court win over the Wicksburg Lady Panthers.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored nine points and Alayvia Stinson added six points on a pair of three-pointers to help Elba grab a 15-11 first quarter advantage, while Whitfield added 12 points in the second quarter and connected on six of seven free throw opportunities as the Lady Tigers went in at the half with a 29-20 lead. The Lady Tigers used a stifling defense and the scoring punch of Whitfield and Tajah Robinson to up their lead to 47-22 in the third quarter, and Elba coasted in the final stanza to claim the 57-25 win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored a season-high 35 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Alayvia Stinson 6, Tajah Robinson 5, Kendra Juarez 4, Ayrika Caldwell 3, Brooke Tinsley 2 and Ny'Asia McCollough 2. Tyala Lingo scored 9 points to lead Wicksburg.

Elba 56 Straughn 52

The Elba Lady Tigers had to battle for all four quarters to claim an



Elba Lady Tiger Tajah Robinson (3) gets up close with a Wicksburg ball-hendler in last week's big 57-25 home court win.

(Photo by James Calhoun)

exciting 56-52 win over Straughn.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored seven points in the opening stanza to help the Lady Tigers sneak out to a 12-11 lead, while Tajah Robinson drained a pair of three-pointers and scored 10 points in the second quarter as Elba carried a 30-24 lead in at intermission. Straughn came out fighting in the third quarter and grabbed a 42-41 lead heading into the fourth quarter. However, Whitfield scored 11 points

in the final stanza and the Lady Tigers held on to claim the win despite hitting only 3 of 13 free-throws in the quarter.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 28 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Tajah Robinson 10, Kendra Juarez 7, Ana Caldwell 5, Brooke Tinsley 4, Alayvia Stinson 1 and Ny'Asia McCollough 1. Ora Hall scored 15 point to lead Straughn, while Allyx Williamson and Blakely Smith both added 14.

Record moves to 13-11

Elba Tigers roll past Wicksburg for big home win

The Elba Tigers had another busy week on the basketball court and claimed one win in three games to watch their record move to 13-11 on the season.

Following is a recap of last week's action:

Brantley 69 Elba 54

The Elba Tigers saw their area title dim with a 69-54 road loss to the Brantley Bulldogs.

Brantley pulled out to a 15-9 first quarter lead behind the three-point shooting of Jayden Parks and Jon Kilcrease, and while Elba's Alvin Henderson scored six points in the second quarter, the Bulldogs never lost command and carried a 33-22 lead in at intermission. Cody Gray hit a pair of three-pointers in the third quarter to help Elba pull within 49-40. However, Brantley regained command in the final stanza and ran away with the 69-54 area win.

Alvin Henderson scored 22 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jamal Siler 10, Cody Gray 9, Cameron Gray 7, Brady Johnson, 2, Ty Sieving 2 and Jacob Watkins 2. Scoring for the Bulldogs were Jayden Parks 17, Daylan Davis 15, Janyies Tyson 15, Jon Kilcrease 10, Andre Wright 6 and Omarian Lewis 2.

Elba 59 Wicksburg 35

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and pulled away late to post an impressive 59-35 home court win over

the Wicksburg Panthers.

Alvin Henderson and Cameron Gray combined to score all 15 Elba points in the opening stanza as the Tigers opened up a 15-10 lead, while it was a balanced attack in the second quarter as the Tigers carried a 27-21 lead in at intermission. Alvin Henderson and Jamal Siler combined for 11 points in the third quarter as Elba outscored the Panthers 19-7 to stretch its lead to 46-28, and Cody Gray and Emmanuel Cooks both drained long three-pointers in the final quarter to seal the deal on the big 59-35 win.

Alvin Henderson scored 17 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jamal Siler 9, Cameron Gray 8, Jacob Watkins 6, Emmanuel Cooks 5, Brady Johnson 4, Ty Sieving 4, Cody Gray 3 and Jordan Hammonds 3. Gabe Glover scored 12 points to lead the Panthers.

Straughn 57 Elba 46

With leading scorer Alvin Henderson in Miami on a recruiting trip, the Elba Tigers just couldn't score enough points to add another win as they fell to Straughn 57-46.

Elba held its own in the first quarter and sparked by five points by Cody Gray trailed only 14-12 heading into the second stanza. However, the Tigers went cold from the floor in the quarter and were outscored



Elba Tiger Ty Sieving (5) keeps an eye on a Wicksburg Panther in last week's big win.

(Photo by James Calhoun)

14-5 as Straughn carried a 28-17 advantage in at the half. Jacob Watkins scored six points in the third quarter as Elba closed the deficit to 39-31, but the Tigers could never catch up and despite Cameron Gray and Jamal Siler combining for 13 points in the final

stanza fell at home. Cameron Gray scored 13 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jamal Siler 12, Cody Gray 10, Jacob Watkins 8, Ty Sieving 2 and Emmanuel Cooks 1. Kaden Wiggins scored 16 points to lead Straughn.

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SPORTS NEWS



ALVIN HENDERSON - named 'Player of the Year' for the second straight year by *The Dothan Eagle* sports staff. Leads 2023 'Super 12'

Henderson named 'Player of the Year' for second straight season by *The Dothan Eagle*

The Dothan Eagle announced its 2023 high school football 'Super 12' team last week and for the second straight year Elba Tiger standout Alvin Henderson was named 'Player of the Year' by the daily newspaper's sports staff.

Henderson, a junior running back considered as one of the nation's top recruits for the Class of 2025, had a record breaking season with the Tigers and entered his name all across the AHSAA record books.

Henderson set state records with 3,523 yards rushing in a season, 61 rushing touchdowns in a season, 67 total touchdowns scored in a season and 408 points scored in a season, while tied for the record for touchdowns accounted for with 68. During his junior season, Henderson averaged 251.6 yards per game rushing, an average of 15.7 yards per carry.

"My main goal was to win each week and we almost accomplished that," stated Henderson, in a published interview in *The Dothan Eagle*. "I didn't have any big goals set for myself, my main goal was to win a state championship."

Elba Tiger head coach Marc Sieving stated in an interview with *The Dothan Eagle's* David Mundee, "He is a special player and the things he can do with the ball in his hands still amazes me. The thing I am most proud of is the way he has matured and the type teammate he has become. He really wants to be a leader and he wants to win for Elba."

Other members of the 2023 'Super 12' team include: AJ Alexander, sophomore, running back, Dothan; Fred Vili, senior, defensive lineman, Enterprise; Jywon Boyd, senior, wide receiver, Charles Henderson; Zion Grady, junior, defensive end, Charles Henderson; Browning Anderson, senior, quarterback, Eufaula; Caleb Dozier, senior, linebacker/wide receiver, Headland; Kady Mitchell, junior, quarterback, Houston Academy; Ian Senn, senior, quarterback/safety, Ariton; Bryson Hughes, senior, quarterback, G.W. Long; Jamauri McClure, senior, running back/ safety, Goshen; Mason Burkhardt, sophomore, 'quarterback/safety, Wicksburg; Coach of the Year - Dustin Harrison, Cottonwood.

Area players that received Honorable Mention included: Keion Dunlap, Enterprise; Andrew Pouncey, Enterprise; Blake Peterson, New Brockton; Mason Stuart, Zion Chapel; and, Cayden Adkins, Elba.

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The Elba Parks and Recreation's Boys 8U basketball team played their last regular season game Saturday, Jan. 27. The team will play in the Pea River Valley 8U Allstar tournament this Friday and Saturday (Feb 2 & 3) in Zion Chapel. Team members and coaches include: (back, l to r) Coach Mark Wicker, Jude Stuart, Chaysen Jones, Cameron Belcher, Trendon Carroll, Riggs Moore, Grayson Kirkland, A'Quinn Edwards, Easton Burlison and Coach Iverson Lane; (front, l to r) Dunn Wicker, Cam Henderson, Zarakiah Jones, Eric Bludworth, and Daniel Johnson.

High School

HOOPS HIGHLIGHTS



NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS



NEW BROCKTON LADY GAMECOCKS

New Brockton sweeps area titles

BOYS:

Headland 60 New Brockton 53 - The New Brockton Gamecocks challenged the 5A Headland Rams and battled for all four quarters in a 60-53 home court loss. Anthony Silar scored 18 points and Kenyon Kilow added 10 to lead the Gamecocks, while Tylen Williams scored 15 points to pace the Rams.

Highland Home 59 Zion Chapel 48 - The Zion Chapel Rebels held their own for three quarters in a 59-48 area loss to the Highland Home Flying Squadron. Mason Stuart scored 15 points to lead the Rebels, while Jacob Chestnut added 12 and Slade Grantham scored nine. Jakaleb Faulk scored 22 points to lead the Squadron.

Brantley 78 Florala 65 - The Brantley Bulldogs kept their area title hopes alive with an impressive 78-65 win over the Florala Wildcats. Jayden Parks scored 34 points, grabbed seven rebounds and handed out five assists to lead the Bulldogs, while Daylan Davis added 17 points and 13 rebounds, Janyies Tyson added 13 points and Jon Kilcrease added 10 points and 8 rebounds.

Zion Chapel 64 Goshen 58 - The Zion Chapel Rebels battled past the Goshen Eagles 64-58. Slade Grantham scored 23 points to lead the Rebels, while Joseph LeGear added 12 and Jacob Chestnut scored nine. Jadarius Burney scored 14 points to lead the Eagles.

New Brockton 72 Pike County 68 - The New Brockton Gamecocks wrapped up the regular season area title with an impressive 72-68 win over the Pike County Bulldogs. Baylon Foster scored 17 points to lead a balanced Gamecock attack, while Yassiah Rousseau added 14, Josiah Lewis 13 and Josiah Peterson added 10. Markeis Hobdy scored 19 points for the Eagles.

Brantley 67 Houston County 37 - The Brantley Bulldogs made it look easy in a 67-37 romp past the Houston County Lions. Isaac Walker scored 15 points to lead the Lions.

Florala 68 Kinston 52 - The

Kinston Bulldogs watched an early 14-13 lead vanish in a 68-52 area loss to the Florala Wildcats. Colby Tew scored 19 points and Michael Thompson added 17 to lead the Bulldogs, while Christian Gresham led the Wildcats with 17 points.

Northside Methodist 51 New Brockton 45 - The New Brockton Gamecocks dropped a 51-45 decision to Northside Methodist. Josiah Peterson scored 13 points and Yassiah Rousseau added 11 to lead the Gamecocks, while Braylen Clements led Northside Methodist with 16 points and six rebounds.

Zion Chapel 59 Pike Lib 51 - The Zion Chapel Rebels locked down the #2 seed at the area tournament with a 59-51 win over Pike Lib. Jacob Chestnut scored 26 points to lead the Rebels, while Slade Grantham added 15 points, 10 rebounds and five steals; and, Brodie Stinson added five points, five assists and five steals. Sawyer Keck scored 17 points to lead Pike Lib.

Houston County 59 Kinston 57 - The Kinston Bulldogs battled until the final horn in a 59-57 loss to Houston County. Michael Thompson scored 19 points to lead Kinston, while Colby Tew and CJ Lunsford both added 13 points. Isaac Walker scored 23 points to lead Houston County.

Brantley 64 Opp 44 - The Brantley Bulldogs rolled to a 64-44 win over the Opp Bobcats. Damir Thompson scored nine points to lead Opp, while Colby Ballard added seven point and nine rebounds.

GIRLS:

Brantley 70 Florala 43 - The Brantley Lady Bulldogs posted an impressive 70-43 area win over the Florala Lady Cats. Alex Grimes scored 31 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Annah Little and Mary Driggers both added 10 points and 10 rebounds, and Coco Stamps added 10 points.

New Brockton 69 Pike County 17 - The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks clinched the regular season area title with a dominating 69-17 romp past the Pike County Lady Bulldogs. Ariana Smith scored 18 points, handed out eight assists and had four steals to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Reese Eddins added 16 points and Casey Williams scored 10.

Kinston 53 Florala 40 - The Kinston Lady Bulldogs continued to add to their win total with a solid 53-40 win over the Florala Lady Wildcats. Kaley Norris scored 23 points and hit 9 of 9 free throws to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Lauren Norris added nine points.

Goshen 36 Zion Chapel 17 - The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels dropped a hard

fought 36-17 decision to the Goshen Lady Eagles. Hagen Sessions and Maggie Downing scored five points, apiece, to lead the Lady Rebels, while Alyssa Sparks led Goshen with 11 points.

New Brockton 44 Northside Methodist 37 - The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks stayed on a late-season surge with a 44-37 win over Northside Methodist. Reese Eddins and Ariana Smith both scored 10 points to lead New Brockton, while Aniya Barkley added six points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Dana Cool scored 11 points and had 10 rebounds for Northside Methodist.

Kinston 54 Houston County 13 - The Kinston Lady Bulldogs coasted to a big 54-13 win over Houston County. Kaley Norris scored 25 points and Maggie Martin added nine points to lead Kinston, while Naziyah Rivers led Houston County with 11 points.

Brantley 47 Opp 33 - The Brantley Lady Bulldogs posted a solid 47-33 win over the Opp Lady Bobcats. Kiannna Barnes and Samantha Womack scored six points, apiece, to lead Opp, while Cuba Wiggins added four points, eight rebounds, three blocked shots, two steals and two assists.

Elba Tigers JV drop three straight in busy week on court

The Elba Tigers junior varsity had a tough week on the hard wood as they dropped three straight games, including two games at home.

Following is a recap of last week's action:

Brantley 44 Elba 11

The Elba Tigers scored only three points in the first half and never threatened in a lopsided 44-11 road loss to the Brantley Bulldogs. The Tiger failed to score in the first quarter and trailed 26-3 at intermission in the loss. Cassidy Carpenter scored 3 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Ledell Ousley 2, Matthew McCart 2, Ky'Avian Stoudemire 2, Easton McKelvy 1 and Jonathan Edwards 1. Scoring for the Bulldogs were Asa Blackmon 10, Julius Sylvester 9, Micah Owens 9, Reese Odom 4, Hank Johnson 4, Trevon Pittman 3, Charlie Williamson 3 and Marcus Everett 2.

Wicksburg 34 Elba 21

The Elba Tigers kept it close for two quarters in a 34-21 loss to the Wicksburg Panthers. Elba trailed only 17-11 at the half, but was outscored 14-7 in the third quarter and never recovered in the home court loss. Matthew McCart scored 6 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Ky'Avian Stoudemire 4, Jonathan Edwards 4, Cassidy Carpenter 4 and Easton McKelvy 3.


Straughn 46 Elba 30

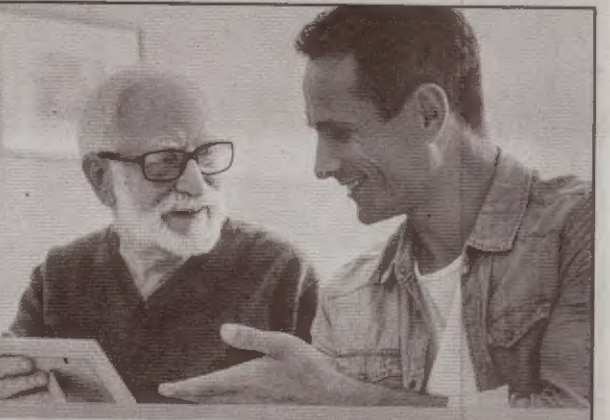
The Elba Tigers fell behind early and never caught up in a 46-30 home court loss to Straughn. Elba trailed 14-3 after one quarter and saw the deficit grow to 17-3 early in the second quarter, and while the Tigers hit six three-pointers in the final three quarters it wasn't enough as they saw their losing streak continue. Jonathan Edwards scored 11 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Levi Martin 8, Jaden Robinson 6 and Ky'Avian Stoudemire 5.

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